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## *Vote of Thanks to Count* RUMFORD.

AT a meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, at Boſton, May 29, 1798.

Whereas Benjamin Count of Rumford of Munich, in Bavaria, has preſented to this Inſtitution, the ſum of five thouſand dollars in the three per cent ſtock of the United States, the intereſt of which, by the terms of the donation, as expreſſed in his letter of July 26, 1796, to the preſident of the Academy, is to be "applied and given once every ſecond year, as a premium to the author of the moſt important diſcovery or improvement which ſhall be made and publiſhed by printing, or in any way made known to the public, in any part of the continent of America, or in any of the American Iſlands, during the preceding two years, on *Heat*, or on *Light*:" which donation has been accepted by the Academy, and by proper certificates, which accident only has delayed,* the ſaid ſtock has now become the property of the Academy.

Voted, That the thanks of the Academy be preſented to Count Rumford, for this his very generous donation, and that they experience the higheſt ſatisfaction in receiving this additional and very liberal aid for the encouragement and extenſion of thoſe intereſting branches of ſcience, which he has ſpecified as the objects of his gratuity, and which *he* has ſo ſucceſsfully

* The certificates of ſtock, and the power of attorney to make the transfer, were loſt, in conſequence of the capture of the veſſel by which they were ſent.

ſucceſsfully cultivated : That they entertain a high ſenſe of the ſentiments and views, ſo becoming a philoſopher, which have prompted him to this diſtinguiſhed act of liberality ; and in the execution of the grateful office, which they have undertaken, of awarding and diſtributing the premium which Count Rumford has thus appropriated, they will ſacredly comply with the conditions of the donation ; indulging the hope, that he will meet his reward, in learning that many in his native country are thereby excited to emulate his labours, and to promote the accompliſhment of his beneficent wiſhes for the advancement of ſcience, and the augmentation of human happineſs.

Voted, That the Correſponding Secretary be requeſted to tranſmit a copy of the preceding vote to Count Rumford by the earlieſt opportunity.

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AT a meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, May 26, 1801.

Voted, That the Academy at their meeting in May next and afterwards, biennially, at their May meeting, will decide on the diſcovery or improvement, which may appear to be entitled to the premium directed to be given by Count Rumford, according to the terms of his letter to the preſident of the Academy, dated July 12th, 1796.

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